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## \*EX-DODGERS COULD BE FIRST DIVISION TEAM, MR. BRAGAN AND MR. WEISS

National League executives have been telling us, for a long time now, that they will follow the precedent set by the junior circuit . . . namely, increase to ten teams in 1962. Houston and New York will be the new franchises.

Since the announcements Bobby Bragan of Houston and George Weiss of New York have been canvassing the country for talent. Talent that will, later this year, merge with proven ballplayers when the existing eight clubs put several of their boys and veterans on the block to form the nucleus of the new entries.

To Messers Bragan and Weiss, may we suggest forming their squads with the following Los Angeles Dodgers' castoffs:

**CATCHING:** Although not very impressive, in limited action, batting average wise JOE PIGNATANO, now with Kansas City, is considered one of the few sharp defensive receivers in the game today. Joe knows how to handle pitchers. . .

**LIPPY** ask Dodger twirlers. If given a chance to perform daily in the National League he could unnerve the nervous system of Buzze Bavasi.

**PITCHERS:** Since leaving the Los Angeles nine, little DANNY McDEVITT has been a delight to Yankee manager Ralph Houk. Used primarily in relief, he may have him start.

Dr. Robert Kerlan, the Dodger physician, told this reporter that DON NEWCOMBE was in better shape than half the present mound corps of the Dodgers. Watching him during batting practice chores before he left for Spokane the writer wonders, with all the stuff he displayed, why he was sent down instead of Jim Golden. Maybe the youth angle—but look at Spahn.

The balance of the moundmen could be CLEM LABINE of Pittsburgh, ED PALMQUIST of Minnesota, JOHNNY KLIPPSTEIN of Cleveland and BILLY LOES of San Francisco.

**FIRST BASE:** JIM GENTILE was with the Dodgers briefly, but it's his presence on the Orioles that makes Baltimore fans scream pennant. His two grand slams in one game recently had Bavasi and O'Malley walking in circles behind the metal Dodger backstop at the Coliseum.

As relief for Gentile how about STEVE BILKO? However, if Steve cannot hit the long one in Wrigley Field . . . where can he?

**SECOND BASE:** A position the Dodgers value highly. No trades involving longtime mainstays Charley Neal and Jim Gilliam. However, Bobby and George, maybe you recall JIM BAXES, a utility infielder of short duration with the Bums? No longer in baseball Jim is still young enough to help your embryonic organizations. He's listed in the Long Beach directory.

**SHORTSTOP:** Now playing second for the Chicago Cubs DON ZIMMER looks as if he'll be a 270-280 hitter in '61. Definitely behind Wills defensively and offensively Don, nevertheless, is a chattering, hustling infielder who battles for a win all the way.

**THIRD BASE:** Buzzie hated to do it but CHARLEY SMITH had to go in order to lure Dick Farrell away from the Phillies. In Spokane last year Charley had the writers in clouds. With Gene Mauch's crew he ought to hit near the .300 mark now that he will play every day.

**OUTFIELDERS:** Every fielder who has covered, just about anyway, the outer pasture for the Dodgers was expendable. The depth was there, righthanders as well as southpaws. However, that doesn't make minor leaguers of Dodger castoffs as witnessed by the following:

DON DEMETER, another difficult man to trade . . . he was that good. But Bavasi had to have Farrell in his bullpen to replace the ailing Roebuck. "He's the best defensive outfielder in the leagues today," Alston commented early in the year. Don is also a long ball hitter and could make the Phillies happy even if he strikes out against righthanded pitchers.

And how about RIP RIMPULSKI, CHUCK ESSEGIAN, SANDY AMOROS, GINO CIMOLI, and several others listed with major league teams?

**COACHES:** Long rated as one of the greatest clutch hitters of all time, CARL FURILLO, now warming the bench at his Manhattan Beach home, is by far a valuable piece of property to a club desirous of developing it's young and inexperienced hitters.

To get the pitchers in shape Bragan and Weiss could contact CARL ERSKINE. He'd be only happy to return to baseball in this capacity.

With GREG MULEAVY due back as a coach next year the Dodgers are expected to send veteran CLAY BRYANT down to manage one of their farm clubs. Clay would naturally be free to make a deal for himself with one of the new teams.

Alston and Durocher are two men with exceptional ability. According to our information they will not be a duo next year. Weiss is after Lippy and Bragan is loaded with Texas money to back up his negotiations with the skinkicker. I'll bet my first free trip to the moon to cover interplanet play that Leo will manage New York or Houston next year.

Well, there you have it! The boys (and men—pardon me Mr. Durocher) listed above, working as a unit, can finish in the first division next year with a little help. Certainly we can not say the same for the Angels or Senators in 1961.

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# NHS Sports Banquet May 24



**PRESIDENT'S CUP**—Hollywood beauty Bebe Smith, Miss Soccer for Coast International Championships, proudly displays the President Kennedy Cup that goes to the winning team. Mexico, Canada, Los Angeles and San Francisco compete for soccer honors May 2 and 30 at Rancho Cienega Stadium, Los Angeles.

## Canadian, Mexican Teams Vie for Soccer Trophy

Canada, represented by the Westminster Royals, 1960 Dominion champions, rules a co-favorite with Mexico's national select team to win the Pacific Coast International Soccer championships scheduled May 28 and 30 at Rancho Cienega Stadium, Los Angeles.

Thus, the President J. F. Kennedy Cup that goes to the victor will accomplish international goodwill in the first annual Tri-Nation event.

St. Stephens and San Francisco Scots, league champions of Los Angeles and San Francisco, complete the four-team event. Steves are underdogs to Mexico and Scots to the Canadian Royals on the first day, Sunday May 28. Finals are slated Memorial Day.

**SCORING CHAMP** Mexico's national team, chosen by the Mexican Football Federation, includes fancy shooting Jose Rodriguez of the Guadalupe National in the forward line at inside left. Brilliant Rodriguez, only 20 years old, won the scoring championship of Mexico's Pro League this season with 32 goals.

Other forwards are such household south-of-the-border names as Dan Lopez, Silverio Perez Jr. son of Mexico's famous bullfighter; Alvaro del Peral and Carlos Zapata.

The Mexico all stars are now in training at Texaco, 30 miles out of Mexico City, and arrive in Los Angeles May 25.

The Royals, perennial Vancouver champions, are headed by Center forward Crisp from London and inside left Gogie Stewart, take charge guy of the club. The club is bringing a 19-1-4 record to Los Angeles and has won the Canadian national title eight times since 1927, smashing Toronto Golden Mile, 4-0, for the 1960 crown.

Two Greater L.A. league games are slated next Sunday (May 21) at the Rancho field, La Brea and Rodeo Road, Blue & White vs. Sons of Italy at 1 p.m. and United Scots vs. Victoria at 3 p.m.

**SUNDAY'S GAMES** Bruce Cook pitched the Quinn Diary Dodgers to 2 to 1 win over the International House of Pancakes Redlegs with Dickie Wieser doing the catching.

Mike Constantino started for the Redlegs, was relieved by Skip Hogue in the second inning, while Mike Peak did the catching. Paul Gadbois belted his third home run with a mate on board, while pitcher Mike Sellars was striking out 13 batters to lead the Border Markets Cards to a 5 to 1 victory over the Dominguez Water Cubs.

Jimmy Burkhardt hit safely all 3 times at bat, to lead his string, to five, for the winners. Tony Wachtler was the losing pitcher and his battery mate was Harold Hager.

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## Optimist Track Meet 'Best in 12 Years'

Sports minded members of the Torrance Optimist Club this week listed last Friday's 12th annual Elementary Track and Field Meet as one of the most successful in the event's history.

Tallies, released yesterday, showed that the winning schools were Nativity and Madrona, tied for first place with 12 points each. Outstanding athlete was Charley Phillips of Adams School who took first place in the 180 yard dash, and the football throw.

Record show that 325 students representing 23 local schools took part in the event.

**70-YARD HURDLES** — Lynn Koster, Flavian; Carl Randal, Madrona; Jim Hartley, Nativity; Robert Quarry, Madison; Make McCarthy, Flavian.

**100-YARD DASH** — Greg Taylor, Jefferson; Eddie Watson, Torrance; Mike Burdick, Meadow Park; Jesse Fuentes, Greenwood; Bill Lyden, Yukon.

**180-YARD DASH** — Charlie Phillips, Adams; Tom Meadows, Madrona; Dave Stewart, Perry; ohn Marsden, Towers; Joe Mortenson, Magruder.

**440-YARD RUN** — R. Lestelle, Seaside; second place tie between Wes Fox, Seaside, and Jerry Filligiano, Calle Mayor; Brian Olsen, Greenwood; fifth place tie between Greg Barrett, Greenwood, and Bob Green, Meadow Park.

**FOOTBALL THROW** — Charley Phillips, Adams; Brad Holmes, Meadow Park; Bill Turner, Arlington; Gregg Bar-

## \$50,000 Sprint Saturday Feature at H'wood Park

Hollywood Park, the "track of the lakes and flowers" in Inglewood which staged a record-breaking opening last week, will offer one of the country's biggest sprint stakes of the year Saturday (May 20) in the seven-furlong \$50,000 added Los Angeles Handicap.

The field for the Los Angeles will be headed by Mrs. Helen Kenaston's Revel, hailed by many turf experts as the fastest sprinter in America at level weights. Revel, carrying high weight in a fast field, won the Hollywood Premiere Handicap at six furlongs on opening day, from Neil McCarthy's Finnegan, winner of the Los Angeles Handicap a year ago.

**FAST TIME** Revel didn't try the Los Angeles last year, which Finnegan won in the fast time of 1:20 4/5, but the buildup is perfect this year for a clash between the two rivals.

The Los Angeles Handicap is no two-horse race, however. The stakes star, New Policy, was in trouble in the Hollywood Premiere, and T.V. Lark, the wealthiest California-bred horse in training with more than \$600,000 in earnings, was closing like a fast express at the wire.

Henrihan, who gained a head decision over Revel in the East Bay Handicap at Golden Gate with a six-pound weight pull — 124 to 130 pounds — will also be a Handicap, along with Clandestine and others. Clandestine was second to Finnegan in the Los Angeles Handicap last year.

Revel, a 5-year-old bay son of The Pie King and Danae, was bred by Mrs. Kenaston herself. Mrs. Kenaston also raced Danae, who won the Ramona Handicap at Hollywood Park in 1935.

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## Lakers Coach Will Head List of Guest Speakers

North High School's annual Sports Award Banquet will be held at the school gym on Wednesday evening, May 24, 6:30 p.m.

Fred Schaus, coach of the Los Angeles Lakers will be the principal speaker. Coach Schaus left a highly successful career at West Virginia University to take on "the greatest challenge in basketball" the Los Angeles Lakers. He was one of the first athletic stars at West Virginia, playing basketball there from 1946 through 1948. He then went to the Fort Wayne Pistons of the National Basketball Assn., for four years, and then spent an additional year with the New York Knickerbockers before returning to West Virginia to coach basketball. In six years there, he won the Southern Conference

Championship each year. Schaus also compiled a 56-game winning streak in Southern Conference play, a new record for the league. In 1958, he was chosen runner up for "College Coach of the Year" by the United Press, and in 1959 he was chosen to coach the U.S. team in the quadrennial Pan American games.

Banquet will feature broiled steaks over charcoal and attendance is open to North High parents and students. Special awards will be presented to the outstanding athletes in each sport plus recognition to the all league selections. Programs will be given out summarizing the complete athletic achievements for the school year 1960-1961.

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## Home Runs Highlight Game In Week-end Tordondo Till

The Cubs beat the Dodgers 9 to 1 last weekend with Bill Bergeron's home run leading the attack and Mike White in a fine pitching performance. Saturday the Cubs continued their winning ways by beating Brave 11-7.

Dick Moore's home run and single accounted for four runs for the winners.

After giving up three runs to Dodgers in the first inning the White Sox came back to win 8 to 5. Bruce Read the winning pitcher went the distance to best Charley Lee who pitched the entire game for the losing Dodgers.

A tight pitchers battle had the Senators besting the Yankees in a 3 to 2 ball game. Frankie Stewart and Steve Sierra teamed up to outpitch the sole Yankee pitcher Kenny Gromberg.

The Tigers beat the Indians 12 to 2. Indian errors gave the Tigers 10 runs in the first inning. The Indians played good ball after the first but so did the Tigers. Greg Butcherfield struck out eight men for his winning Tigers.

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